

**CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2073.3 of the Fish and Game Code, the California Fish and Game Commission, on April 9, 2004, received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list the Tricolored Blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*) as an endangered species. The Tricolored Blackbird was historically distributed throughout most of the Central Valley, adjacent foothills, coastal ranges and southern California. Habitat types required by this species include riparian, marsh, and agricultural fields. Tricolored Blackbirds are medium-sized, nesting in dense colonies.

Based upon the petitioner's request made pursuant to Section 2076.5 of the Fish and Game Code, on April 16, 2004, the Commission transmitted the petition to the Department of Fish and Game for its review. The Department's evaluation and recommendation relating to the petition will be received by the Commission at its May 4, 2004, meeting in San Diego. Interested parties may contact Sandra Morey, Chief, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch, Department of Fish and Game, at telephone (916) 653-4875 for information on the petition or to submit information to the Department relating to the petitioned species.

April 20, 2004

Fish and Game Commission

Robert R. Treanor
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